GREASE CONTROL

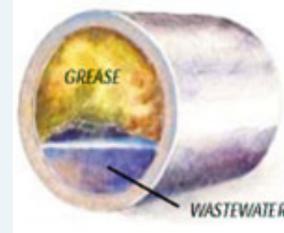## WHERE DOES GREASE COME FROM?
Most of us know grease as a byproduct of cooking. Grease is found in such things as:

- Meat Fats
- Lard
- Cooking oil
- Food scraps
- Baking goods

- Shortening
- Butter and margarine
- Sauces
- Dairy products

GREASE IN PLUMBING
Too often, grease is washed into the plumbing system, usually through the kitchen sink. This grease sticks to the inside of sewer pipes (both on your property and in the streets). Over time, the grease can build and block the entire pipe.

Home garbage disposals do not keep grease out of the plumbing system. These units only shred solid material into smaller pieces and do not prevent grease from going down the drain.

Commercial additives, including detergents that claim to dissolve grease may pass grease down the line and cause problems in other areas.

RESULTS OF A GREASE BLOCKED SEWER PIPE
The results of grease blocking a sewer pipe can be:

- Raw sewage overflowing into your home or your neighbor's home;
- An expensive and unpleasant cleanup that often must be paid for by you, the homeowner;
- Potential contact with disease-causing organisms;
- Raw sewage overflowing into parks, yards, and streets;
- An increase in operation and maintenance costs of the District's Wastewater Department, which causes higher sewer rates for all customers.

What can YOU do to help?
The easiest way to solve the grease problem and help prevent overflows of raw sewage is to keep this material out of the sewer system in the first place. There are several ways to do this.

- Never pour grease down sink drains or into toilets.
- Scrape grease and food scraps from plates, pots, utensils, and grill and cooking surfaces into a can or the trash for disposal.
- Do not put grease down garbage disposals.
- **Pour excess grease into a container to harden, and then into the trash for disposal**.

If you still have questions, you may check the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) link, or contact the Collections Supervisor at (760) 789-1330.